
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 12, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Pat Colgan, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiberger, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Anderson announced the addition of Claim check #73072 payable to USDA in the amount of \$19,686.00 to the consent calendar.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including October 5, 2011 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #72978 to #73071 in the amount of \$274,649.48.
 - Payroll Checks #51421 to #51527 in the amount of \$251,771.34.
- Resolution 851-11 – Requesting Assistance from our State and Federal Legislative Delegations to Support the Continued Viability of United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley
- Ordinance 1714-11 – Amending SWMC 6.08 to Require Revenue Generated Under that Chapter to be Deposited into the City’s Dog Reserve Fund, Fund 111 and Establishing that Fund Under SWMC 3.72.010
- Annual Insurance
 1. CIAW for 2011-2012 Insurance Services
 2. Agreement with Wallace & Associates
 3. Intent to Withdraw Letter to CIAW

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through E to include the additional claim check. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

Rick Judd – 1310 Fruitdale Road, addressed the Council regarding cars parking on McGargile Road in the fire lane and across the sidewalk since the youth football games have started playing at Cascade Middle School.

Bill Storie – Officer with the Police Department stated he had responded to calls in the area regarding the parking situation. He requested the City place some “No Parking” signs in front of the gate.

Proclamation

Mayor Anderson read a proclamation declaring October 25, 2011 Soroptimist Day in Sedro-Woolley and encouraged all residents to honor and acknowledge the Soroptimists for their hard work and dedication to the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance – Smoking in Parks

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the second read of the proposed ordinance on smoking in City parks. A letter from the Farmer's Market in support of the ordinance was read into the record. He reviewed the areas affected to include no smoking at Memorial Park (including the walkways and parking areas), Hammer Heritage Square, and within 25 feet of city owned playgrounds.

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1715-11 An Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Memorial Park, Hammer Heritage Square and within 25 feet of City Owned Playgrounds. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

Redistricting

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed redistricting of the political wards as required by RCW 29A.76.010. He noted this is to ensure that one person equals one vote and that one ward doesn't have a greater influence than another by having fewer people. Berg credited Julie Rosario of the Engineering Department for helping with the mapping work in house in order to get the job done in a cost effective manner. He reviewed the changes and noted this is a first read and a public hearing is scheduled for the October 26th meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding potential future growth and readjustments every 10 years corresponding with the US Government Census.

Ordinance – Amending Section 1, Table 2 of Ordinance 1712-11 to Correct An Error in the Rental Fees Charged for Multiple Pick Ups of Garbage

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 1712-11 which will correct an error in the rental fees charged for commercial container accounts with multiple pick up of garbage. He noted the Utility committee recommended changing to the original intent which was to roll the rental fees into the rate structure to minimize the tax exposure with the State. The ordinance also authorizes the Finance

Director to correct billing statements and issue credits to those affected. Staff requested Council pass the ordinance on the first read.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1716-11, An Ordinance Amending Section 1, Table 2 of Ordinance 1712-11 to Correct an Error in the Rental Fees Charged for Multiple Pick Ups of Garbage. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

School Resource Officer

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported the School District is in the process of putting together their M & O Levy for the next biennium (2013-2014). The question has come up regarding funding of a School Resource Officer. He noted this is a position the Police Department is interested in and has attempted to fund through grants with no success. Preliminary conversations have taken place regarding a joint venture with the School District. The Public Safety Committee met and expressed interest to participate with the City covering the costs of anything over \$75,000 per year which would be approximately \$50,000 over a two year period. The Officer would be tasked to the school during the school year with summers to be included in the normal rotation within the department. Should the Council be interested in exploring the topic further, staff requested authorization to send a letter to the School District to further the conversation.

Councilmember Wagoner reported on discussions he has had with Superintendent Venn on the idea. He stated he was positive but had reservations as to the affect it might have on the passing of the levy. Wagoner believes this type of program would be a positive for the City.

Discussion took place regarding Lakewood's experience with a School Resource Officer which was included within their levy.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Sedro-Woolley School District authorizing participation with the Resource Officer with a 75/25 cost allocation. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

Discussion was held regarding the effect on taxes.

Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane opposed).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

SR 20 Widening Project Update

Engineer Freiburger reported on the SR20 Widening project. He noted the railroad has finished planking in the areas over the sidewalk. Plans are to reopen the highway and discontinue the detour at the end of day tomorrow. He reviewed highlights of his report at each Council seat which included the issuance of two change orders to the Highway

project. Freiburger reported that the contractor will be removing curbing previously installed in order to correct deficiencies and to bring them in line with the new stringent ADA requirements as well as corrections to the Metcalf Street intersection with ponding water.

Police Chief Wood – reported the detour has been going very well. They are busy and still continuing the court roundups with 4-5 last week. The by product of the round up is people are coming to court. Wood noted the case related to the incident with an individual staying at the Skagit Motel case is now closed. The department is working with the schools regarding an increase of drug concerns at the high school. He also reported on a new program through the Sherriff’s office and placement of green metal boxes for disposal of unwanted prescription medication at the Police Department. A senior from the High School is doing her project in conjunction with the program.

Fire Chief Klinger – reminded Council of the annual Boot to Burn fundraiser. There is also a fundraiser for a long time volunteer who suffered some medical issues with no insurance coverage. The event will be held on October 29th at the Community Center.

Planner Moore – presented a progress report on the regional grant application which was successfully submitted. Moore noted they expect to hear back by the end of the year.

Engineer Freiburger – reported that he has received notice from the Department of Ecology for a source control grant. The grant will provide \$57,000 for a ½ time employee for monitoring and education of stormwater under the NIPDES permit. A mailing has been sent out to private stormwater systems. The City is required to monitor private systems. He reported on a public outreach meeting using Skagit Conservation District to be held in the future.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the medical marijuana moratorium ordinance expires tomorrow. Berg noted there is no need to renew because of the state law noting the only risk is that of a collective garden. He also referred to copies of letters within the packet for EMS and redistricting. Berg discussed what is perceived as an inequity with EMS regarding the 911 dispatch fees.

Councilmember Galbraith – noted the recent topic at the Mount Vernon Council regarding deportation of illegal immigrants and questioned if our City will become involved in that.

Police Chief Wood explained the Safe Communities program through ICE and the process of checking fingerprints for illegal immigrants that are booked into jail.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg explained current regulation noting this is a transition issue with it becoming mandated by the Federal government in 2013.

Mayor Anderson adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for 30 minutes for collecting bargaining and enforcement action under RCW 42.30.110 (1) and 42.30.140 (4) with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.